The Orchid Society of the Triangle (Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill) and surrounding area of North Carolina Associated with Sarah P. Duke Gardens



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Monthly Newsletter of the Triangle Orchid Society

January 2016

January 11, 2016 Nick Plummer Tropical Terrestrial Orchids

"Most orchid growers focus on epiphytic species and hybrids, but a wide variety of interesting terrestrial orchids also grow in the tropics and are amenable to cultivation on windowsills, under lights, and in the greenhouse. To pique your interest in tropical terrestrial orchids, I will illustrate plants that I have grown over the years and give advice on potting mixes, watering, light levels, etc."

Nick Plummer has been a member of TOS since 1998 and has grown orchids and many other plants under lights and in a greenhouse. Among orchids, his favorites are species of the Cattleya alliance, especially Encyclia. He is also interested in tropical and xerophytic bulbs, the succulent genus Pachypodium, and the tropical pitcher plants, Nepenthes.

Tropical terrestrial orchids will be on sale.

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5:30 pm - before the meeting at Carrabba's Italian Grill 5312 New Hope Commons Drive, Durham, across from New Hope Commons Shopping Center at the intersection of I-40 and US 15/501. If you plan on attending the dinner, please contact Alan Miller, (919) 969-1612.

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The Triangle Orchid Society meets at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens 420 Anderson St. Durham, NC

The Second Monday of the Month at 7:30 pm

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Membership Meeting Minutes December 14, 2015

The December 2015 meeting consisted of our annual Holiday Potluck and Orchid Auction, which was attended by about 50 members. The night began with an assortment of dishes for dinner and dessert. We thank our members for their graciousness in providing these delightful delicacies. Dinner was followed by a fun-filled auction with a variety of orchids, many of which were in bloom. At this meeting, there were no show table awards.

We would like to especially thank the volunteers for their enthusiastic help with this holiday meeting!

The well-organized, exciting auction was run by Harry Gallis, Ralph Sears, Bob Meyer, Sarah Patterson, and Sidney Cox.

Payments for plants, books, raffle tickets, membership, and calendars were collected by Ralph Belk and Kelly Nipp.

Volunteers helping with the covered dish set up were Suzette Morand, Creighton Humphries and Elena Turner.

The welcome table was attended by Axel Elling.

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Holiday Auction 2015





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The Holiday Auction was a great success due to the many volunteers and TOS members in attendance. There were many orchids blooming to dazzle us for the holidays.

We thank our volunteers Harry Gallis, Ralph Sears, Sarah Patterson, Bob Meyer, and Sidney Cox for a wonderful time. These members are our core group of auction volunteers that usually help during the spring and fall auctions too.



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More pictures from the December Holiday Auction

Upcoming Regional Orchid Shows



North Carolina Piedmont Orchid Society Show January 22 – 24 Charlotte, NC, Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

South Carolina Orchid Society Show February 12 – 14 Columbia, SC, Riverbanks Zoo & Botanical Garden

Virginia Orchid Society Show February 19 – 21 Richmond, VA, Strange's Garden Center

Triad Orchid Society ShowMarch 4 - 6Greensboro, NC, The Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs

Asheville Orchid Festival April 14 – 17 Asheville, NC Arboretum (See page 5)







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Remembering Owen Holmes

Owen Holmes, my father and the co-founder of Carter & Holmes Orchids, who was 90 years old, died Thursday afternoon at 7 PM. He had fallen and broken his left hip a couple of weeks earlier while pushing my mother in her wheelchair. He died of complications from that injury and from the bladder cancer that he had been battling for some time.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM Sunday in the Wiles Chapel on the Newberry College Campus conducted by the Rev. Jimmy Counts. Interment followed in the Ebenezer UMC Cemetery.

My father was blessed with a long life and family and friends that he treasured. He was a WW II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Pacific Theatre and in China. Owen finished Newberry College after being released from active duty. While in school, he joined W.C. Carter in several businesses including Carter & Holmes Orchids.

Owen was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. He loved Ebenezer and the people who came home to worship and praise God and Jesus Christ. He served in most of the positions of the church and also served on various posts with the S.C. Methodist Church.

He helped form the S.C. Orchid Society and served as president of the Hartford Grange, the Newberry Historical Society, and The Rotary Club of Newberry. He served as a Trustee of Newberry College for many years and also chaired the Newberry County Planning Commission and the Newberry Community Hall Commission.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Raye; his son Owen M. "Mac" Holmes, IV and Mac's wife, Kathryn E. Brooker; a number of cousins, including Joe Summer and his wife, Marianna and his daughter, Rebecca; and many treasured friends. He was predeceased by his parents and his cousin and business partner, W.C. "Bill" Carter.

Thank you so much for your prayers and well wishes in this difficult time.

Mac Holmes



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JANUARY I I	Nick Plummer	Tropical Terrestrial Orchids
FEBRUARY 8 TBD		TBD
Linda Wilhelm, MARCH 14 Woodland Orchids Charlotte, NC		Miltonias

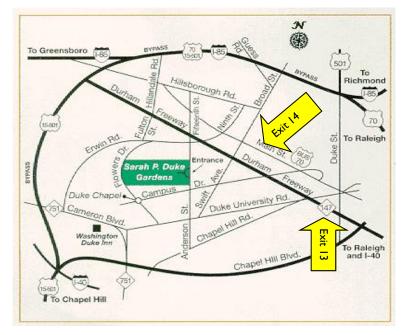
Triangle Orchid Society Meeting Agenda

7:00-7:30	Set Up Show Tables
7:30-7:40	Business Meeting and Announcements
7:40-8:30	Program
8:30-8:50	Break
8:50-9:20	Show Table Reviews and Awards
9:20-9:30	Raffle
9:30 P.M.	Meeting Ends Take down show tables

Welcome Table

Refreshments

JANUARY	Axel Elling	See a TOS Board Member.
FEBRUARY	Axel Elling	See a TOS Board Member.



From the East:

Durham Freeway (#147) to Exit 13. Right on Chapel Hill Rd. Right on Anderson St. Sarah P. Duke Gardens (420 Anderson) on left.

From the West:

Durham Freeway (#147) to Exit 14. Right on Swift Ave. Right on Campus Dr. Right on Anderson St. Sarah P. Duke Gardens (420 Anderson) on left.

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Triangle Orchid Society Dues

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